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The Honorable Rebekah Warren, Chair  
House Great Lake and Environmental Committee  
987 Anderson House Office Building  
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**RE: House Bill 5931 – New Remodeling, Repair and Painting (RRP) Lead Regulations**

Dear Chairwoman Warren and members of the House Great Lakes and Environment Committee,

As I am sure you are aware, a new house bill (#5931) is being introduced to safeguard Michigan children from lead hazards that may be created in older housing. This new bill is a critical step in the fight against childhood lead poisoning and works in concert with existing State regulations regarding Lead Based Paint (LBP).

I personally believe that this new bill will significantly increase protection for many Michigan children if properly implemented and enforced. While the current EPA regulations are a good first step, the revised Michigan regulations enforced by the Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP) will be more effective within the State of Michigan. This new regulation is so large in scope and application that I think enforcement on the State level is the only way to ensure compliance.

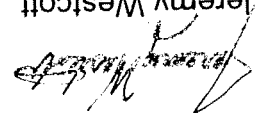
The LHRP has an excellent reputation for reviewing, implementing and enforcing the existing Lead Abatement Act and Lead Hazard Regulations and has increased the compliance with these statutes to much higher levels than in other states. They have developed the necessary infrastructure to insure that the new regulations get properly disseminated, contractors are informed and trained and that enforcement is carried out expeditiously.

insuring that contractors who perform renovation activities in older housing do not create new lead hazards or significantly increase existing hazards is the most important "next step" in insuring Michigan children live in lead safe homes. Most contractors I have spoken with do not even realize that they may be creating these problems in the first place. With all due respect to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a regulatory change of this import will be very difficult to enforce on a federal level and should be dealt with "in house".

I hope you will support this important legislation and vote to have the State of Michigan – LHRP continue their good work and enforce these new regulations. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (734) 955-6600.

Sincerely,

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